



Orange County / Health Care Agency / Emergency Medical Services
Emergency Medical Care Committee
FY 2013-14 Annual Report

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August 23, 2013 Meeting				
OCEMS Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Director Update • Program/OC-MEDS Update • EMCC Correspondence 	8/23/13	Ongoing	Report given by OCEMS Staff.
Interfacility Transport Advanced Life Support (IFT-ALS) Pilot	Presentation by Dr. Stratton addressing concerns expressed by previous public comments heard regarding the implementation of the new program.	4/26/13 6/28/13 8/23/13	8/23/13	<p>Program implementation October 1, 2013. OCEMS to provide a report to EMCC in six months.</p> <p>Committee member Patrick Powers recused himself from comments and any votes expected to take place.</p>
Public Comments	<p>(1) Oral comments heard on Interfacility Transport Advanced Life Support (IFT-ALS) Program</p> <p>(2) Ground Ambulance Service Rates</p>	8/23/13	8/23/13	<p>(1) Oral Comments received from John Latta, Stephen Wontrobski, Greg Lewin, Michael Dimas, Steve Katanich, Michelle Honeycutt, Dave Rose, and Greg Pate</p> <p>(2) Oral comments received from Kathleen Moran.</p>
Member Comments	IFT ALS Program Comments by Committee Members:	8/23/13	8/23/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dr. Anas: Importance of patients transported in a safe and timely manner.</i> • <i>Chief Knabe: Limit transfers to take place between acute care facilities.</i> • <i>Dr. Hoynak: Limit IFT ALS transports between acute care facilities. Concurred with Dr. Stratton on lengthy wait times for CCT units.</i> • <i>Chief Henisey: Support of program as it allows for fire personnel to respond to 9-1-1 emergencies.</i> • <i>Jon Gilwee: Supportive of program.</i> • <i>Kenn McFarland: Stressed importance of no delay in transport of patients.</i> • <i>Mayor Reese: Supportive of proposal as it augments the existing 9-1-1 system.</i> • <i>Margie Harrier: Expressed concerns on level of care, costs, and quality of care.</i>



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Member Comments	Orange County Ordinance 3517 (Ambulance Ordinance)	8/23/13	8/23/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patrick Powers: Recommendation that the existing ambulance ordinance be revised.
October 25, 2013 Meeting				
EMCC Membership	Introduction of new members appointed. Announcement of members reappointed.	10/25/13	10/25/13	<p>Ron Blaul (representing BOS District 1), Sharon Hoier, RN (representing Orange Coast Emergency Nurses Association) were welcomed as new members.</p> <p>Reappointment of Jon Gilwee (representing BOS, District 4), Kenneth McFarland (HASC), Monica Ruzich (representing American Red Cross), and Michelle Tom, MD (representing SOCEP).</p>
OCEMS Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medical Director Update Program/OC-MEDS Update EMCC Correspondence 	10/25/13	Ongoing	Report given by OCEMS Staff.
EMCC FY 2012-13 Annual Report	Annual Report received	10/25/13	10/25/13	Annual report received by Committee members. Report will be submitted to the State EMS Authority.
EMCC Advisory Subcommittee Reports	Hear reports from advisory subcommittees of the Emergency Medical Care Committee.	10/25/13	10/25/13	Reports given by OCEMS Staff.
Specialty Receiving Center Designations	Hear Report for the redesignation of specialty receiving center designations (emergency receiving centers, cardiovascular receiving centers, stroke neurology receiving centers and base hospitals) indicated in the Summary Report provided by Orange County EMS.	10/25/13	10/25/13	Recommend the designation of Los Alamitos Medical Center, Hoag Memorial Hospital/ Newport Beach, Orange Coast Memorial Medical Center, West Anaheim Medical Center, Mission Hospital (MV and Laguna Beach) and Chapman Medical Center as indicated in the Summary Report.
Appointment of Nomination Committee for EMCC Calendar Year 2014 Slate of Officers	Selection of three Committee members to serve on the nominating committee to recommend the slate of officers for calendar year 2014	10/25/13 11/19/13	01/31/14	Recommended that Michelle Tom, MD serve as Chair and Chief Wolfgang Knabe serve as Vice Chair of EMCC for calendar year 2014.



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Orange County EMS Policies / Procedures	Posting of Orange County EMS Policies and Procedures for 50-day Public Comment period.	10/29/13	12/16/13	Release of Sections 200, 300, 302, 304, 306, 308, 310, 402, 500, 504, 506, 508, 600, 602, & 704 of P/P #720.00; #330.60, #750.05, # 430.10, #330.75, and a new "Mass Gathering" policy for 50-day public comment ending 12/16/13.
Public Comments	Orange County Fire Authority processes	10/25/13	10/25/13	Public comments received from Stephen Wontrobski, Mission Viejo.
December 13, 2013 Meeting				
Meeting Cancelled.				
February 28, 2014				
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Orange County EMS Policies / Procedures	Presented comments received regarding policies released for 50-day public comment period. Two of the policies will be revised and re-released for 15 day public comment period.	10/29/13	4/1/2014	Implementation of policies to take place April 1, 2014.
Interfacility Transport Advanced Life Support (IFT-ALS) Program Update	Six-month follow up report presented by Dr. Stratton as requested at the August 23, 2013 meeting.	4/26/13 6/28/13 8/23/13	8/23/13	Six-month follow up report presented as requested by Committee members. Fourth other IFT ALS applications have been received
Specialty Receiving Center Designations	Hear Report for the redesignation of specialty receiving center designations (emergency receiving centers, cardiovascular receiving centers, stroke neurology receiving centers and base hospitals) indicated in the Summary Report provided by Orange County EMS.	2/28/14	2/28/14	Recommend the designation of Placentia-Linda Hospital, St. Joseph Hospital, St. Jude Medical Center, UCI Medical Center, Western Medical Center/Santa Ana, and Children's Hospital of Orange County as indicated in the Summary Report.
Emergency Medical Services Plan	An excerpt of the 2014 EMS Plan consisting of selected standards was presented to Committee members.	2/28/14	Ongoing	EMS Plan posted to OCEMS Website.



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Ambulance Request for Proposal	State Authority has ordered that Orange County EMS conduct the RFP process for 19 cities who contract fire and paramedic services with the Orange County Fire Authority.	2/28/14	Ongoing	
Member Comments	(1) IFT-ALS Program Update (2) EMS Plan	2/28/14	2/28/14	(1) <i>Ron Blaul: Asked about the sources of calls referred to 9-1-1 from the IFT-ALS program and difference in response times between IFT-ALS and specialty care transports.</i> (1) <i>Chief Knabe: Education of hospitals and specialty care facilities to reduce the percentage of calls referred to 9-1-1 and finding additional funding sources to expand quality improvement.</i> (2) <i>Chief Knabe on rights of city, fire district or fire departments under Sections 1797.201 and 1797.224.</i> (2) <i>Ron Blaul: Effect of Butte County decision and rights of cities.</i> (2) <i>Patrick Powers Health and Safety Code Sections 1797.201.</i>
April 25, 2014				
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EMS Plan Public Comments	Hear summary of public comments received in regard to the 2014 EMS Plan submitted to the EMS Authority.	2/28/14 4/25/14	Ongoing	
Ambulance Request for Proposal (RFP) Process	Ambulance RFP to be conducted by Orange County Health Care Agency as directed by the State EMS Authority.	2/28/14 4/25/14	Ongoing	Presented status report on a series of meetings between the Health Care Agency, the Orange County Board of Supervisors, the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors, and the State EMS Authority.



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Ground Ambulance Service Rates	Orange County EMS will be requesting an increase in the ground BLS ambulance rates and the OCFA ALS Rate.	4/25/14	6/27/14	Memorandum distributed to Orange County city managers, fire chiefs, and ambulance service providers on proposed ground emergency ambulance service rate
City of Anaheim Community Care Response Unit	The City of Anaheim is proposing a pilot program in which a paramedic would partner with a nurse practitioner to respond to low level acuity medical aid calls. This program is in partnership with Kaiser Permanente Medical Centers and Care Ambulance Service.	4/25/14	Ongoing	Presentation by Fire Chief Randy Bruegman of Anaheim Fire and Rescue on the city's Community Care Response Unit proposal.
EMS System Core Measures for calendar year 2013	State Authority requires all local EMS agencies to participate in the "EMS Core Quality Measures project.	4/25/14	Ongoing	Staff presented Orange County's 2013 EMS System Core Measures submitted to the State EMS Authority.
Member Comments	EMS Plan Public Comments Increase in Providing Services by Advanced Life Support Providers	4/25/14	4/25/14	<i>Chief Knabe: Shared concerns of cities on whether a city has retained rights under Section 1797.201.</i> <i>Patrick Powers: Expressed concerns on increase of services by ALS service providers through pilot programs.</i>
June 27, 2014				
Introductions/Announcements	Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation to outgoing members.	6/27/14	6/27/14	Presentation of certificates to Chief Paul Henisey and Philip Davis.
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Ambulance Request for Proposal Process	Hear status report on the Ambulance Request for Proposal process	2/28/14 4/25/14 6/27/14	Ongoing	Reports given by OCEMS Staff.
Ground Ambulance Service Rates Increase	Background information on the rates that Orange County EMS is requesting Committee members to approve. Presentation made by the Orange County Fire Authority on the ALS rate increase	4/25/14 6/27/14	6/27/14	Recommended approval of the proposed Basic Life Support Rate Adjustment and the Advanced Life Support Rate be submitted to the Orange County Board of Supervisors for consideration.



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City of Cost Mesa Paramedic Assessment Unit Upgrade	Presentation by the City of Costa Mesa to upgrade in services as part of the Fire Department's reorganization to maximize its resources and to improve patient care in the city.	6/27/14	6/27/14	Recommended that Orange County Emergency Medical Services approve the City of Costa Mesa Fire Department's request for Paramedic Assessment Unit Upgrade.
Member Comments	<p>Comments regarding Outgoing Emergency Medical Care Committee members</p> <p>Trauma Center Surveys held at Mission Hospital</p>	6/27/14	6/27/14	<p>Chief Paul Henisey: Appreciation to OCEMS Staff and fellow Committee members on work being done in Orange County.</p> <p>Phil Davis: Appreciation to OCEMS Staff and fellow Committee members on work being done in Orange County.</p> <p>Dr. Tom: Appreciation to Chief Henisey and Mr. Davis for their participation to the Emergency Medical Care Committee.</p> <p>Kenneth McFarland: Thanked OCEMS staff for the support provided during Mission Hospital's trauma center survey and re-verification by the American College of Surgeons.</p>